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Applicant : Rolf Bucker, et al.  
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 Title : DEVICE FOR CONNECTING AN EXTERIOR HANDLE  
         TO A CLOSING SYSTEM  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~NE~~ Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of the preceding claims", and insert --claim 1--.

## REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments, consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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